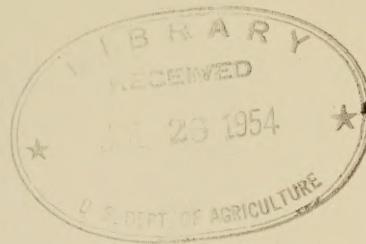


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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE
DIRECTOR OF EXTENSION WORK
WASHINGTON, D. C.



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TO ALL EXTENSION DIRECTORS:

You will, I am sure, find much interesting and valuable material about the progress of the rural electrification movement, and also about applications of electricity to farm operations, in the accompanying copy of the 1939 Annual Report of the Rural Electrification Administration. The section devoted to productive uses of electricity in farming operations (pages 21-36 and 41-47) is particularly useful because of the emphasis it lays on applications suited to the small, general farm.

I should like to call your attention also to the discussion of the REA Farm Equipment Tour (pages 76-80) and to the sections dealing with the recently developed special service and with the self-help project (pages 81-84). The special service and self-help project sections may suggest a way whereby many farms in your own State that now appear hopelessly isolated can be served. The statement of financial progress and outlook (pages 124-135) will help you answer questions that are frequently asked about the economic soundness of these REA-financed systems.

Part III, The States, is especially useful for quick local reference. In it will be found a map, a table, and a brief report summarizing the progress of the Federal rural electrification program in each of the States.

Supervisors and specialists aiding farmers with extension work in any way relating to rural electrification will find this information about REA activities indispensable. Please inform them of the availability of the report and of the practical reference material it contains.

Very truly yours,

M. L. Wilson
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Director of Extension Work

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